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	Art Unit	3617
	Examiner Name	Russell D. Stormer
	Attorney Docket Number	LII153B US



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**PATENT APPLICATION
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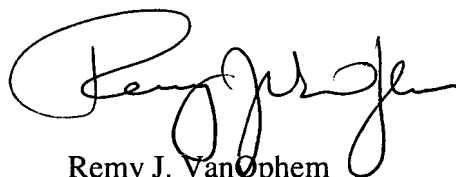
Sir:

Applicants' attorney has filed the accompanying Request for Continued Examination at this time in order to avoid additional extension of time fees in response to the Final Office Action dated January 11, 2007, Paper No. 20061228. An amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 will follow upon return of the inventor from vacation so that an appropriate affidavit may be executed.

If the Examiner has any questions with respect to this communication or any matter relating to the filing of the Request for Continued Examination application, Applicants' attorney may be reached at (586) 739-7445.

Respectfully submitted,

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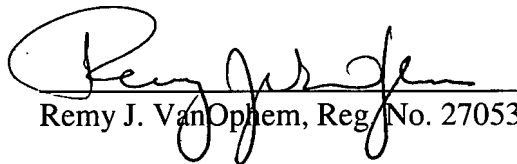
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